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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2009 (Paper No./Mail Date 20090216) which imposed a restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent application, the Applicants provisionally <u>elect</u> the claims of Group II, claims 36-42, without traverse; and now <u>cancel</u> claims 17-20, 22-25, 28 and 30-35 (Group I).

A listing of the claims begins on page 2.

An annotated and replacement Fig. 2 is also submitted.

Remarks/Comments begin on page 6.

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Reply to Office action of Feb. 18, 2009

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